



Chih Hong Tai and Mayor A C Wharton, Jr.

Shelby County's Newest Citizen

Chih Hong Tai has lived in the United States since he was a child and has been a Network Technician with the County since February of 2001. On July 4th, Chih became a U.S. citizen. Born in Taiwan, Chih relocated to the United States with his mother to join his father when he was eleven. In 1995 he received his "green card" and worked toward becoming a U.S. citizen for more than five years.

Chih has already exercised his new rights as a citizen by voting in the August election and is excited about voting in the presidential election this November. In addition to becoming a citizen, Chih recently married. His wife, Carmen is originally from Mexico. Fortunately, Chih is multi-lingual.

Office of Hispanic Affairs Created

The Hispanic population is the fastest growing ethnic group in Memphis and Shelby County. U.S. Census data in the year 2000 showed that 27,520 Hispanic people lived in Memphis and Shelby County, a substantial increase from 7,546 Hispanics living here when the Census was taken in 1990. Yet local estimates based on school enrollment, church registrations and visits to Memphis & Shelby County Health Department clinics by pregnant women show that the actual number of Hispanics living in Memphis and Shelby County may be as high as 200,000.

In recognition of the impact of the changing ethnic population of our area, Mayor A C Wharton Jr. has formed local government's first Hispanic Affairs Office and appointed Ivette Monzon as his assistant for Hispanic Affairs. As the head of the Hispanic Affairs Office, Ivette helps Hispanic people deal with many of the basic issues of life in Shelby County. Through Ivette, they can learn about the services available to them as residents of Shelby County.

In addition to the Hispanic Affairs Office, Mayor Wharton created a task force of local Hispanic leaders. The mayor meets with them bimonthly and they tell him of the needs of the Hispanic community and of the difficulties it faces. The task force is an important part of the mayor's efforts to reach out to the Hispanic community and to let its members know they are an important part of our community.



Ivette Monzon, Assistant to the Mayor for Hispanic Affairs

Employee Perks

Sam's Club is hosting a "Back to School" open house on August 7th from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the 2150 Covington Pike location only. You will need to present your county ID upon arrival at the membership desk. In addition to the open house, you may pick up a one-day guest pass to visit Sam's club at anytime between now and September 30th.

Goldsmith's/Macy is offering a discount the weekend of August 12th -15th. Save up to 20% off selected merchandise.

You may pick up the passes and discount cards for both events at the following locations: Human Resources, 160 N. Main, Room 901; Health Dept. Human Resources, 814 Jefferson; Shelby County Employees Credit Union at 157 Poplar and at the East Complex at 1160 Sycamore View.

SHORT LINES

MPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

The Memphis MPO Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Website is active. It can be found at www.memphisbikeped.com. The plan is one of the corrective actions for the MPO's transportation plan. The Website is very informative and it invites citizen participation.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S SCHOOL STORE GIVE AWAY

The Memphis and Shelby County Health Department's TennCare for Children Program will join with the Highland Street Church of Christ for its annual School Store Give Away event from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, August 7, at the Highland Street Church of Christ, 443 South Highland.



Shelby County retiree, Mrs. Fenton Little recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

met businessman Perry Little. They were married and moved back to Memphis. For nearly 30 years with the Shelby County Health Department, Mrs. Little worked hard to improve healthcare for mothers and babies.

In recent years, she has received numerous awards from various organizations, such as a Living Legacy Plaque, a "key to the city" and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Memphis City Council, and an award for outstanding contributions to the nursing profession from the Registered Nurses Club, Inc.

Mrs. Little lives in Memphis and is cared for by her son, Charles. She is the proud grandmother of five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great grandchildren.

Keeping Shelby County Safe



Battalion Chief Lee Adams of the Shelby County Fire Department briefs military members of the 45th & 61st Civil Support Teams in the latest training session for emergency hazardous materials response. The Shelby County Fire Department routinely trains in multi-jurisdictional scenarios using the latest technologies and techniques to keep our area safe. Haz-Mat response teams from surrounding municipalities also take part in

these seminars, partly to assure cross-training and communication between the various departments spread throughout Shelby County. This effort is constantly expanding in the face of domestic preparedness and the Homeland Security Initiative led by Shelby County Mayor AC Wharton.

Participating emergency responders in this drill were the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, The Shelby County Fire Department Engines 65, Rescue 66, and Training Dept. The Memphis / Shelby County Emergency Management Agency, The 45th and 61st Civil Support Teams, Millington Fire Dept., and The West Tennessee Office of Homeland Security.

In this exercise, a staged terrorist event had occurred involving an aircraft and Chief Adams was briefing the Commander of the 95th CST on everything that had transpired prior to their arrival. This drill ends a series of four drills that the SCFD has participated in with the CST program. The WMD Civil Support Teams are designed to deploy rapidly to assist a local incident commander in determining the nature and extent of an attack; provide expert technical advice on WMD response operations; and to help identify and support state and federal military response teams.

Shelby County's Oldest Retiree Celebrates 100th Birthday

Mrs. Fenton F. Little retired from the Shelby County Health Department in 1965 at the age of 61. Now at the age of 100, Mrs. Little is the oldest living Shelby County retiree.

Mrs. Little was born in 1904 on a farm in Kosciusko, Mississippi to Porta and Della Fuller, the third of four siblings. Always a hard-worker, Mrs. Little dedicated herself to her studies and, after moving to Memphis as a teenager, graduated from Manassas High School. At the urging of her mentor, she enrolled in the Jane Terrell Hospital School of Nursing and became a registered nurse, licensed in both New York and Tennessee. After years of work in Memphis, Mrs. Little relocated to New York, where she worked in a tuberculosis sanitarium and

For Your Health



We all know exercising is very important. Some of the Housing Department staff is putting that knowledge into practice by walking on their breaks twice a day. In case of bad weather they walk inside the building. On their walks they have noticed that the Assessor's Office also has a team of committed walkers.

Pictured below, from left to right, is the Shelby County Housing Team: Van Porter, Mary Ann Wood, Ruby Hill, Vivian Winston, Amanda Lanier and Eddie Walsh. Back row: Sanfranski Durr.

MORRIS FAIR BRIDGE

Dedication of the Morris Fair Bridge, the Walnut Grove Road Bridge that spans I-240 just west of Baptist Hospital East, is scheduled for Friday, August 13. Signs bearing Commissioner Fair's name should be installed by Monday, August 9.

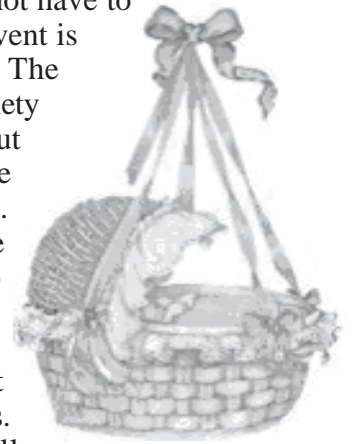
Oakville Employees

AmeriCare, the Nashville-based company that bought Oakville Nursing facility, hired 108 Oakville employees. Surprisingly, 112 Oakville employees did not apply to work for AmeriCare and we do not know where those employees may be working. Thirty Oakville employees took County retirement, and some of these retirees accepted employment with AmeriCare. Two Oakville employees who were hired by AmeriCare, will remain on the County's payroll because both were close to age 55, making them eligible for a larger County retirement benefit. The County will be reimbursed for their salaries by AmeriCare.

9th Annual Incredible Baby Shower

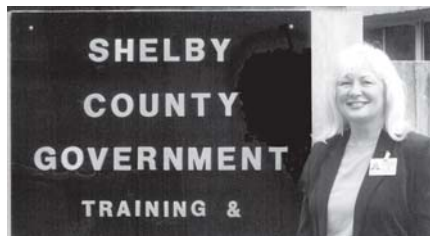
The Memphis and Shelby County Health Department's Women, Infant and Children's Nutrition Program (WIC), and Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSD&T), joined forces with the March of Dimes and Health Department's Healthy Start Initiative Program in sponsoring the 9th Annual "Incredible Baby Shower" on Saturday, August 14, 2004 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Hickory Hill Community Center at 3910 Ridgeway Road.

The "Incredible Baby Shower" is designed for pregnant women, new moms and women who are thinking about becoming pregnant. Participants do not have to be Shelby County residents and the event is not restricted to household income. The event is to provide information on a variety of topics and assist women throughout the area in making healthy and wise choices for themselves and their infants. There will be a \$1.00 admission charge for ages 12 and over, with proceeds to benefit March of Dimes. Education sessions will be taught by health professionals on breastfeeding, infant care, nutrition, and many other subjects. There will be two grand prizes: full nursery, complete with baby bed with mattress, chest, dressing table, layette (made possible with funding through March of Dimes grant), and a washer and dryer donated by Hamilton Maytag in Bartlett.



Many other door prizes will be given away along with educational materials and give-a-ways from the many vendors in attendance. Women who are pregnant, new mothers or individuals considering having a baby, should consider this event a must to attend! For more information contact Kay Baker at (901) 379-7517 or Jennifer Price at (901) 379-7516.

Putting a Face with the Name



Shelby County Training Coordinator Vicky Lyon was introduced without a photo in the last issue of the County Lines due to printing deadline. Welcome to county government.

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30 Years

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25 Years

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35 Years

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30 Years

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Sheriff's Department

25 Years

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Road Department

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Engineering Department

Magnolia Reuben
Code Enforcement

Nancy J. Steward
Sheriff's Department

Roy L. Washington
Health Department

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Doristein Turner
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Syville Wells
Oakville Healthcare Center

Juanita Williams
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Lonnie Willis
Oakville Healthcare Center

David Woodward
Corrections Center

George Yarbrough
Oakville Healthcare Center

DEATHS

C. B. Smith
Retired – Sheriff's Department
June 22, 2004

Larry D. Davis
Retired – Corrections Center
July 4, 2004

Merriman King
Retired – Sheriff's Department
July 5, 2004

James Burrus
Retired – Health Department
July 21, 2004